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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EUROPE:

--FRG PRESIDENT HEINEMANN OBSERVES THAT MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED ONLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE US.

--BELGIAN KING BAUDOUIN, DEPLORING THE DELAYS IN EC PROGRESS, SEES EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY GIVING WAY TO SHORTSIGHTED AND EGOTISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

--PRESIDENT POMPIDOU DEFINES THE FRENCH POSITION AS WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT AND SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE US BUT REFUSAL TO SUBMIT INTERNAL EC MATTERS FOR PRIOR US APPROVAL.

--FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT PREDICTS THE EC, AT ITS
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APRIL 1 MINISTERIAL MEETING, WILL DECIDE ON THE

FORM OF RESPONSE "EXPECTED OF US", ADDING THAT HE FEELS IT IS THE US THAT SHOULD BE RESPONDING.

--BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN WILL FORMALLY BEGIN THE PROCESS OF EC RENEGOTIATION APRIL 1.

BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL BURDEN IS EXPECTED TO BE THE MOST DIFFICULT HURDLE.

--AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KIRCHSCHLAEGER SUGGESTS THAT THE US-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE NOT BE CONFINED TO NATO AND THE EC BUT EXPANDED TO A "COUNCIL OF EUROPE." (STATE)

2. CHINESE WALL POSTERS ATTACK PROVINCIAL LEADERS: A

BRITISH DIPLOMAT REPORTS SEEING "RECENT-VINTAGE" POSTERS IN TAIYUAN, CAPITAL OF SHANSI PROVINCE, ATTACKING THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE AND CALLING FOR THEIR REMOVAL. THE TWO OFFICIALS, WHO ARE ALSO HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS, ARE APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN A RECENT LOCAL OPERA PRODUCTION ALLEGEDLY ATTACKING MAO'S ECONOMIC POLICIES AND WHICH IS NOW THE TARGET OF ALMOST DAILY ATTACKS BY THE PEKING PRESS. (STATE/TICKER)

3. SYRIA/ISRAEL DISENGAGEMENT

A. SYRIA RAISES PRICE FOR PACT: SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT KHADDAM TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN TUNIS THAT A MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT MUST BE PRECEDED BY A FORMAL ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO EVACUATE ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE 1967 WAR, INCLUDING OLD JERUSALEM AND THE ENTIRE GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND ISRAELI RECOGNITION OF "THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." (TICKER)

B. ISRAEL WEIGHS IN: THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A PEACE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SYRIA. ISRAEL IS WILLING TO RETREAT ON THE GOLAN
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HEIGHTS BUT NOT BEYOND THE 1967 LINES AND ONLY WITH SECURITY GUARANTEES. (STATE) KISSINGER

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